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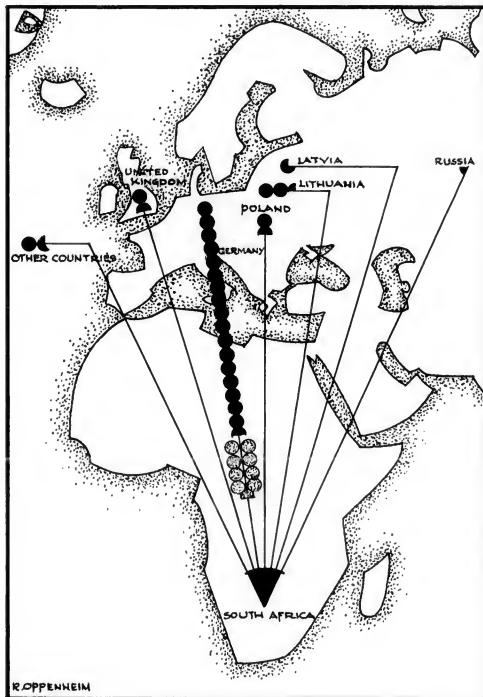
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# PREWAR JEWRY A GRAPHIC SURVEY

JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO SOUTH AFRICA FROM 1936 TO 1940,  
SHOWING COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN.



Each black dot ● represents 250 Jews.  
Each grey dot ♦ (shewn for the im -  
migration from Germany only) represents  
250 Non-Jews, a portion of which are  
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1. Numerical Distribution in the whole world at the end of 1938
2. ditto in Europe ditto
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- 8a. ditto in Australia and New Zealand
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- 12a. City with more than 2,000,000 Jews.
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- 15a. ditto of 1 Jew to 3 Non-Jews (25  $\beta$ )  
b. ditto of 1 Jew to 4 Non-Jews (20  $\beta$ )  
c. ditto of 1 Jew to 5 Non-Jews (16 2/3  $\beta$ )  
16a. ditto of 1 Jew to 7 Non-Jews (12 1/2  $\beta$ )  
b. ditto of 1 Jew to 9 Non-Jews (10  $\beta$ )  
17a. ditto of 1 Jew to 14 Non-Jews (6 2/3  $\beta$ )  
b. ditto of 1 Jew to 19 Non-Jews (5  $\beta$ )  
c. " " " 29 " " (3 1/3  $\beta$ )

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### SOUTH AFRICA

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50. Total number and percentage of Jews in the total population in the whole of S.A. and in the 4 provinces in detail.
51. Number and percentage of the Jews in urban districts and in bigger towns.
52. Growth of the Jewish population in number and percentage from 1904 - 1936. (1904, 1911, 1918, 1921, 1926, 1933).
53. Jewish Immigration from 19.. to 1935.
54. Jewish Immigration from 1933 to 1940 and countries of origin.
55. Countries of origin of part of the Jewish population (for Natal the Council of Jewish Deputies allows the use of these figures), and Home Languages of the Jews in S.A. and Knowledge of the official languages.
56. Age Composition of Jews and non-Jews in S.A.

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DISTRIBUTION OF THE JEWS IN THE WORLD AT THE END OF 1938.

At the end of 1938 - the last year for which we have a proper estimate - the number of Jews in the whole world totalled

16.717.000.

Of these 16.717.000 Jews

9.924.000	lived in Europe	or 59.3 %
868.000	in Asia	5.2 %
609.000	in Africa	3.6 %
5.283.000	in America	31.75 %
30.000	in Australia	0.2 % of all Jews (a).

The World Population at the end of 1938 numbered 2.150.000.000, i.e. there was 1 Jew to every 129 persons, irrespective of sex, colour, creed (b). This proportion of 1 Jew to 129 gentiles is about exactly the same as that of the number of Jews in Germany in relation to Germany's total population in 1933, the year of Hitler's coming to power (c).

The total number of 16.717.000 Jews is a very considerable one; it is more than equal to that of the whole pre-war population of Czechoslovakia. The total population of Asiatic Russia and that of Poland were each about twice that of world's Jewry. Great Britain and N.Ireland had not fully three times, Germany before Hitler four times, the U.S.A. less than eight times as many people living inside their boundaries as there were Jews in the world. If all world Jewry lived in one territory, in a land of their own, the population of only each of 18 states in the world would have been bigger in 1938. These states are:

China with a population	25-26 times
India	21-22 times
U.S.A.	7 3/4 times
Russia in Europe	6 3/4 times
Japan	6 times
Germany with Austria	4 3/4 times
Netherlands Indies	3 3/4 times
Great Britain and Ireland	2 3/4 times
Italy, France and Brazil each	2 1/2 times
Poland	2 times
Asiatic Russia & Manchukuo each	1 3/4 times
Spain and French Indochina each	1 1/3 times
Roumania	1 1/10 times

the total population of world's Jewry. (d)

(a) Arthur Ruppin in "The Jewish Fate and Future", London 1940, p.25. Almost the same figure (16.701.000 Jews) in "Encyclopaedia Britannica, book of the year 1939", p.359/30.

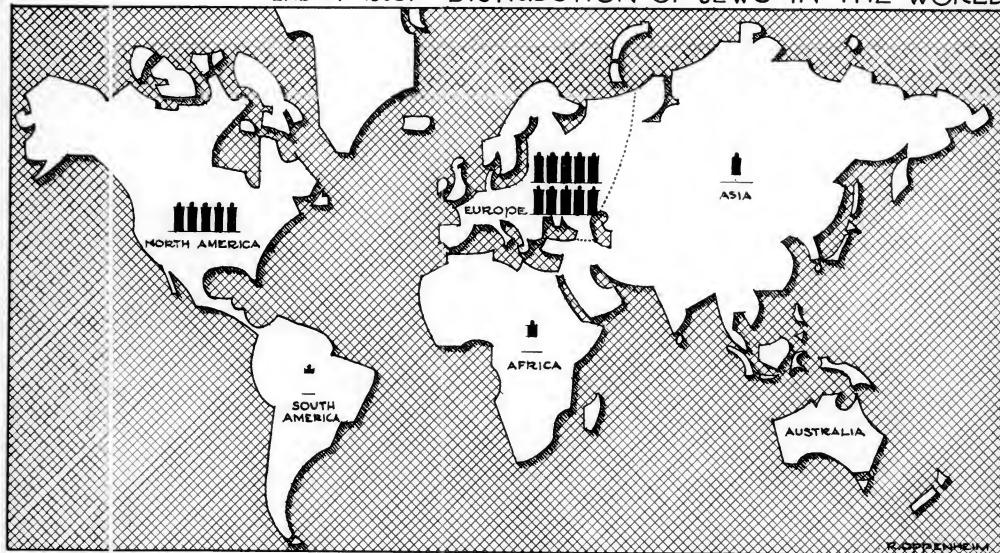
(b) World population see Ruppin op.cit.p.25.

(c) According to the German official Census figures for 1933 the Jews numbered 0.70 % or 1 Jew to every 131 Germans. The corresponding figure for Britain in 1938 has been estimated to be 1 to 145, i.e. 0.69 %. Proper Census figures for Britain are not available.

(d) The figures are based on the estimates as published in "Encyclopaedia Britannica, Book Of The Year 1939", population figures of the various countries for 1937 resp. 1938.

END OF 1938

## DISTRIBUTION OF JEWS IN THE WORLD



EACH REPRESENTS 1 MILLION JEWS

Number and Distribution of the Jews in Europe at the end of 1938

According to the figures given by Ruppin "The Jewish Past and Future," London 1940, page 30/31, the number of Jews in Europe at the end of 1938 amounted to 9,924,000. Their number in the various states has been estimated as follows:

State:	Number of Jews:
Poland .....	3,325,000
Russia in Europe, total .....	3,050,000
Ukraine .....	1,700,000
White Russia .....	400,000
Central Russia .....	950,000
Romania .....	800,000
Hungary .....	480,000 <sup>a)</sup>
Germany, total .....	475,000
The "Old Reich" .....	330,000
Austria .....	145,000
Great Britain and Ireland .....	370,000 <sup>b)</sup>
Czechoslovakia, total .....	315,000 <sup>c)</sup>
Bohemia .....	75,000 <sup>d)</sup>
Moravia and Silesia .....	40,000
Slovakia .....	95,000 <sup>e)</sup>
Carpatho-Russia .....	105,000 <sup>e)</sup>
France .....	280,000
Lithuania (without Memel district) .....	185,000
Netherlands .....	120,000
Latvia .....	95,000
Greece .....	75,000
Yugoslavia .....	75,000
Belgium .....	75,000
European Turkey .....	50,000
Italy .....	50,000
Bulgaria .....	50,000
Switzerland .....	25,000
Sweden .....	10,000
Denmark .....	7,000
Danzig .....	5,000
Estonia .....	5,000
Ireland .....	5,000
Spain .....	3,000 <sup>d)</sup>
Rhodes .....	3,000 <sup>e)</sup>
Portugal .....	3,000
Memel District .....	3,000
Luxemburg .....	3,000 <sup>f)</sup>
Finland .....	2,000
Norway .....	2,000 <sup>g)</sup>
Gibraltar .....	1,000 <sup>h)</sup>

a) According to the "Encyclopedia Britannica," book of the year 19..., page the number is 510,000

b) According to the above the number is 350,000

c) According to the above the number is 290,000 for the whole of Czechoslovakia, 85,000 for Bohemia, 90,000 for Slovakia, 75,000 for Carpatho-Russia.

d) According to the above the number is 4,000

e) According to the above the number is 4,000

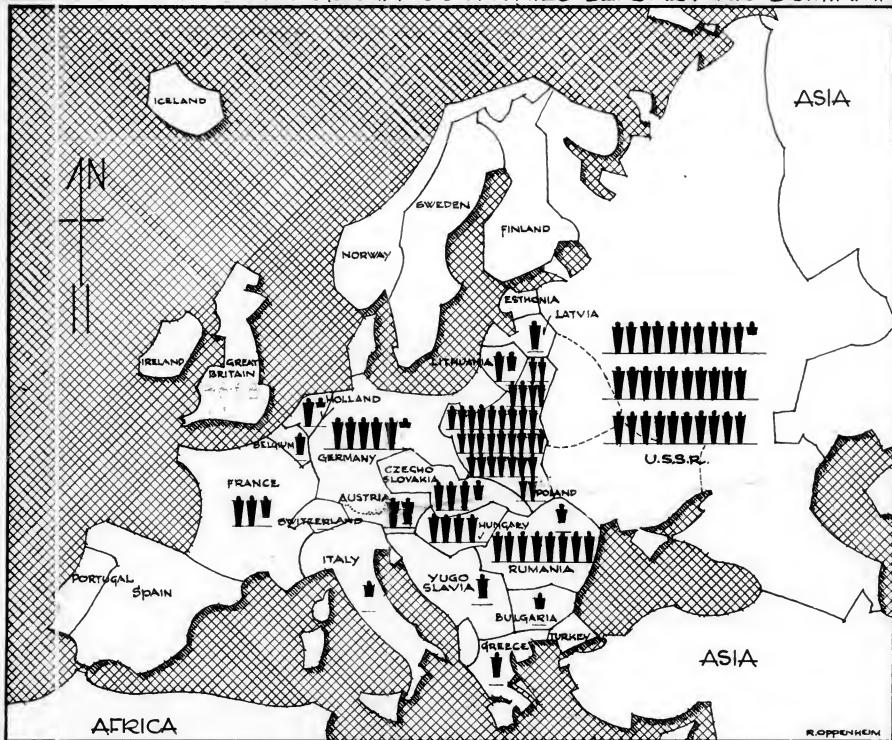
f) According to the above the number is 2,000

g) According to the above the number is 1,000

h) No figure for Gibraltar in the above.

All other figures given by the "Encyclopedia Britannica" are identical with those of Ruppin.

NUMBER OF JEWS IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES BEFORE AXIS DOMINATION.



EACH BLACK SYMBOL REPRESENTS 100,000 JEWS.

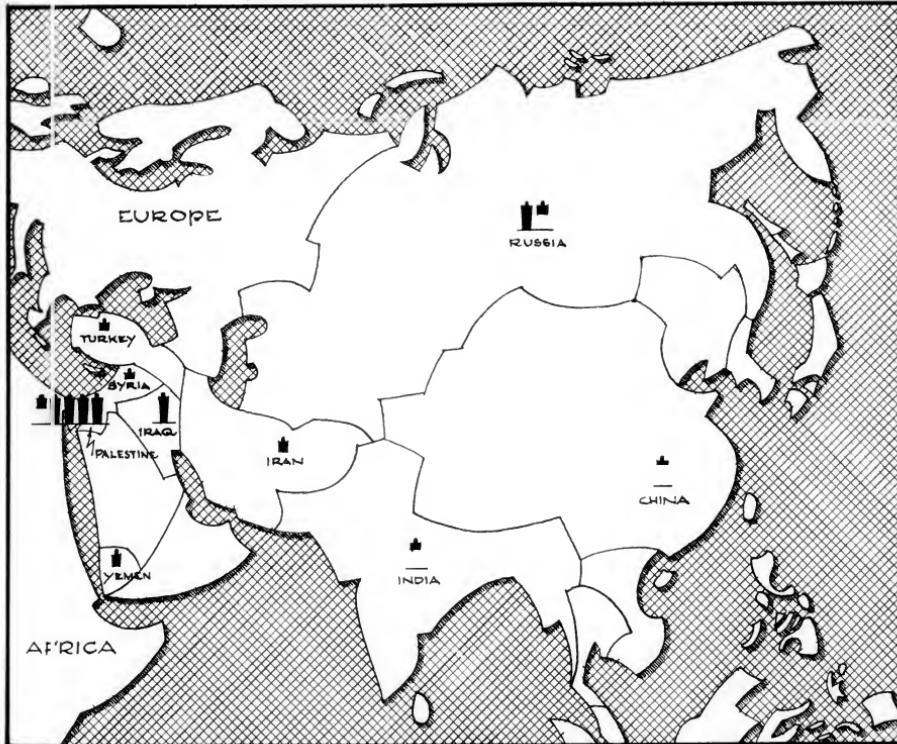
Number and Distribution of the Jews in Asia at the end of 1938

According to the figures published in the "Encyclopedia Britannica", book of the year 1938, page the number of Jews in Asia at the end of 1938 amounted to 868.000 a). Their number in the various parts is stated to be:

Country:	Number of Jews:
Palestine .....	440.000
Asiatic Russia .....	130.000
Iraq .....	100.000
Iran .....	50.000
Syria and Lebanon .....	15.000
Yemen .....	50.000
Asiatic Turkey .....	25.000
India .....	25.000
China .....	9.000
Manchukuo .....	8.000
Afghanistan .....	5.000
Aden .....	5.000
Japan .....	2.000
Philippines .....	1.000
Straits Settlements .....	1.000
Netherlands Indies .....	1.000
French Indo-China .....	1.000

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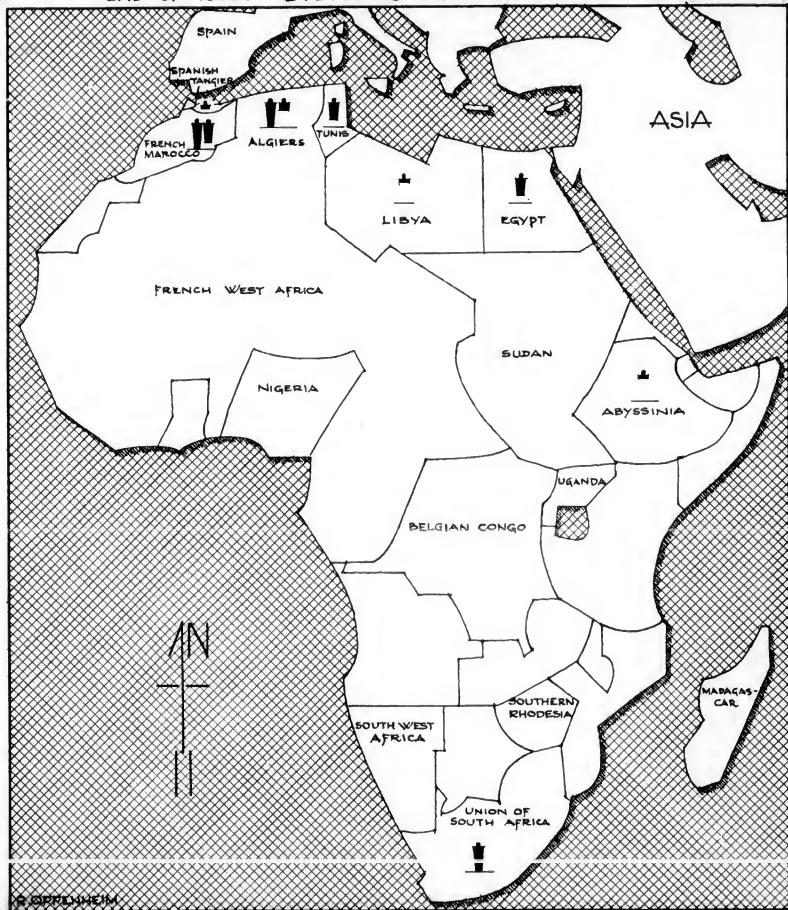
Number and Distribution of the Jews in Africa at the end of 1938

According to the figures published in the "Encyclopedia Britannica", book of the year 19.., page the number of Jews in Africa at the end of 1938 amounted to 609.000 a). Their number in the various parts is stated to be:

Country:	Number of Jews:
French Morocco .....	175.000
Algiers .....	130.000
British South Africa .....	100.000
Tunis .....	70.000
Egypt .....	70.000
Spanish Morocco and Tangier .....	25.000
Libya .....	25.000
Abyssinia .....	10.000
Southern Rhodesia .....	3.000
<u>Other parts of Africa</u> .....	1.000

a) Ruppins figures in "The Jewish Fate and Future" are identical.

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Number and Distribution of the Jews in North and Middle America  
at the end of 1938

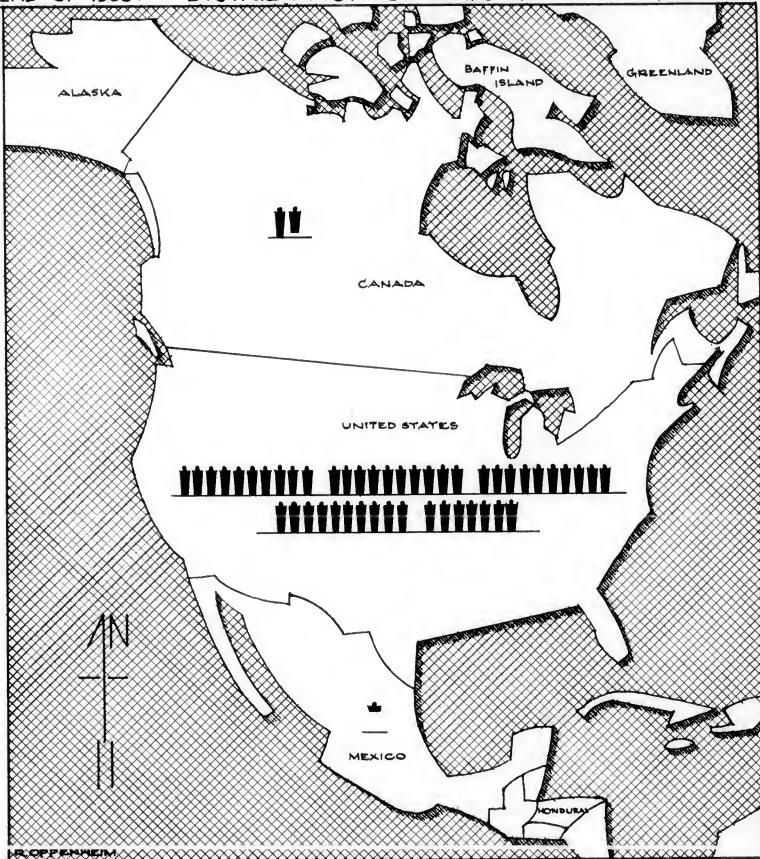
According to the figures given in the "Encyclopediæ Britannica", book of the year 19..., page .... the number of Jews in North and Middle America at the end of 1938 amounted to 4.907.000 <sup>a)</sup>). Their number in the various parts was as follows:

State:	Number of Jews:
United States .....	4.700.000
Canada .....	175.000
Mexico .....	20.000
Cuba .....	10.000
Jamaica .....	2.000

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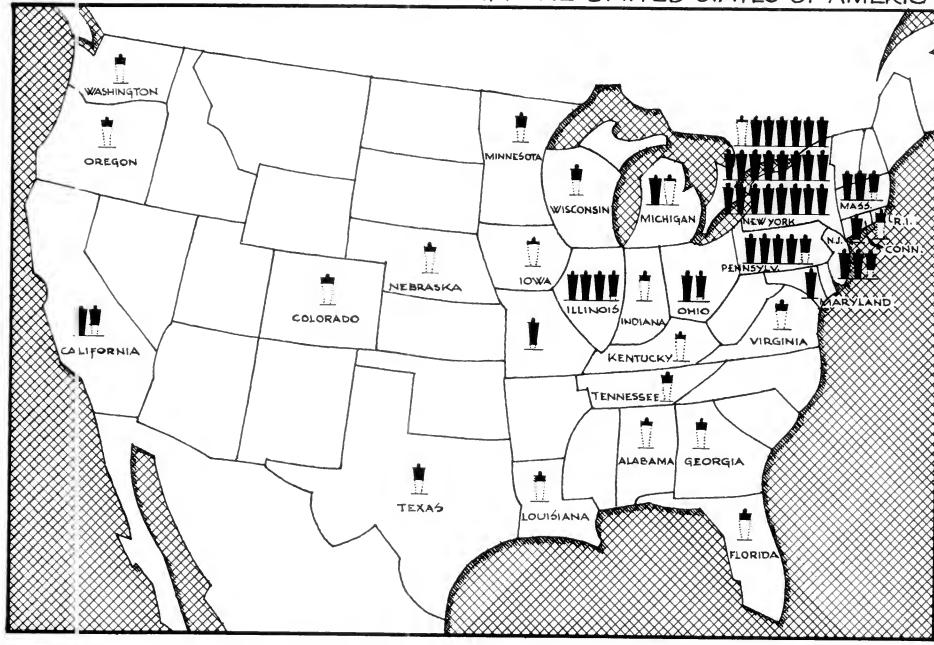
# DISTRIBUTION OF JEWS IN NORTH AMERICA



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## DISTRIBUTION OF JEWS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



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Number and Distribution of the Jews in South America at the end of  
1938

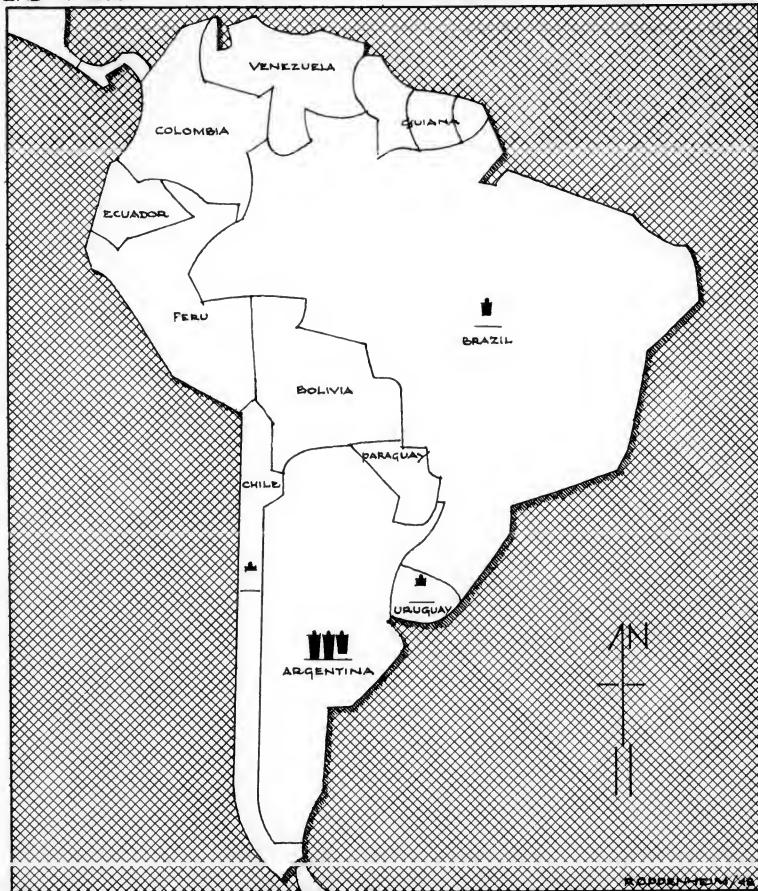
According to the figures given in the "Encyclopedia Britannica", book of the year .... the number of Jews in South America at the end of 1938 amounted to 379.000 <sup>a)</sup>). Their number in the various parts was as follows:

State:	Number of Jews:
Argentina .....	275.000
Brazil .....	55.000
Uruguay .....	25.000
Chile .....	10.000
Colombia .....	4.000
Peru .....	3.000
British Guiana .....	2.000
Dutch Guiana (Surinam) .....	1.000
Curacao .....	1.000
Paraguay .....	1.000
Venezuela .....	1.000
<u>Other parts of America</u> .....	1.000

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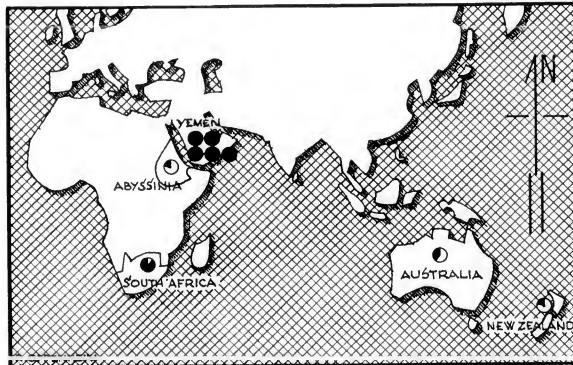
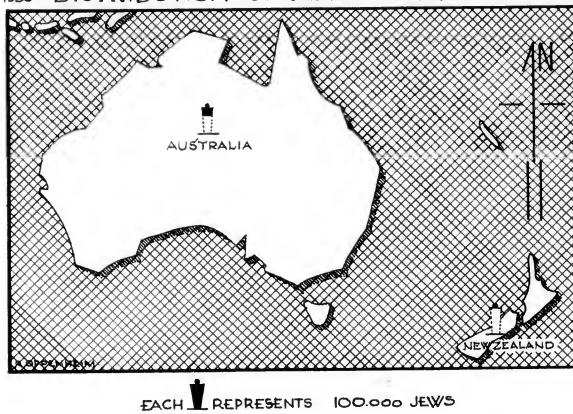
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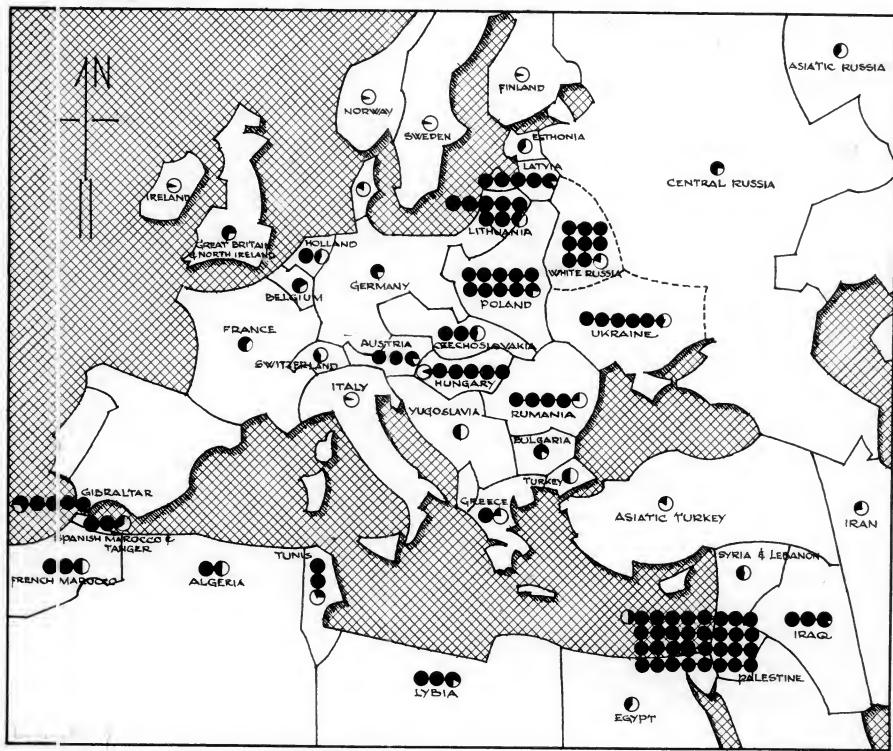


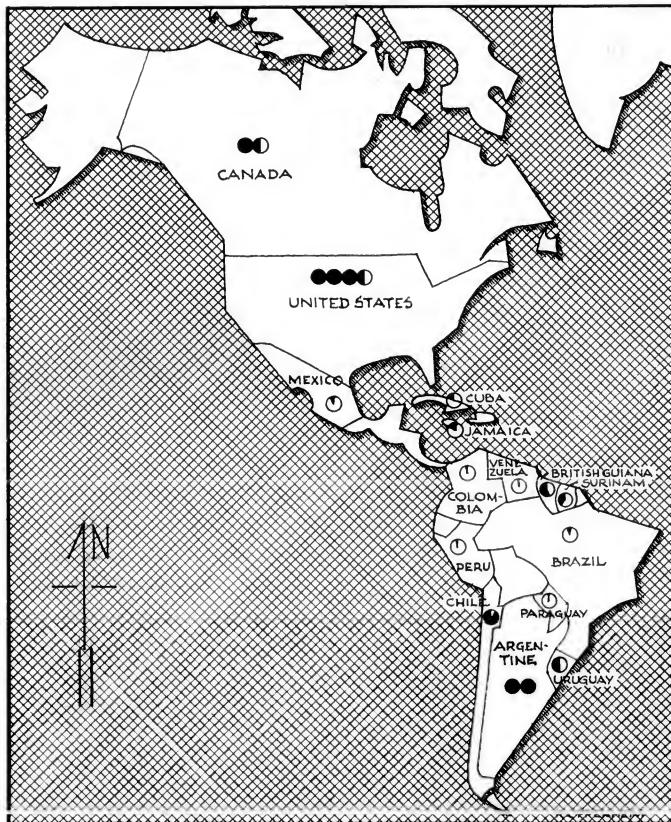
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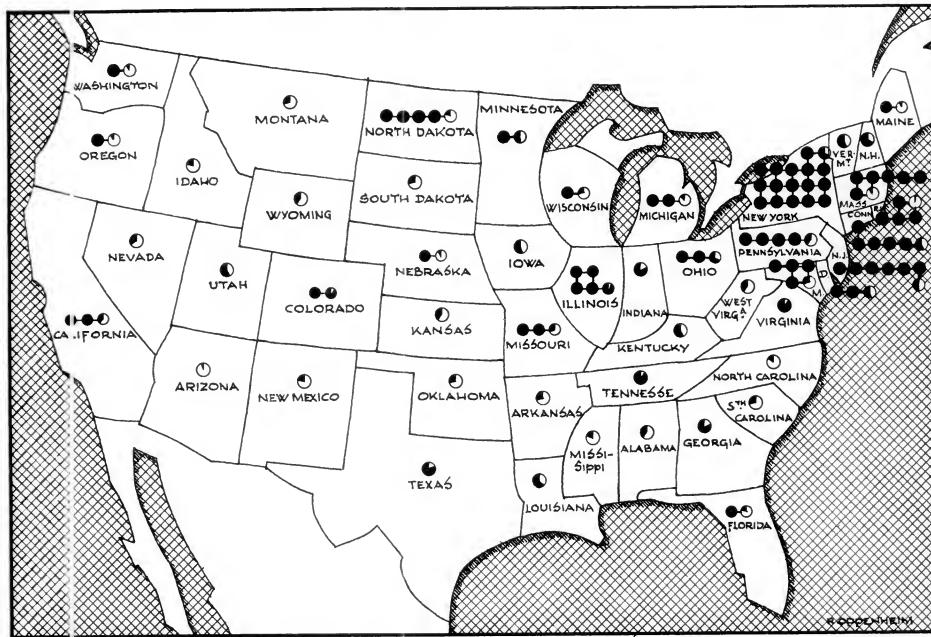
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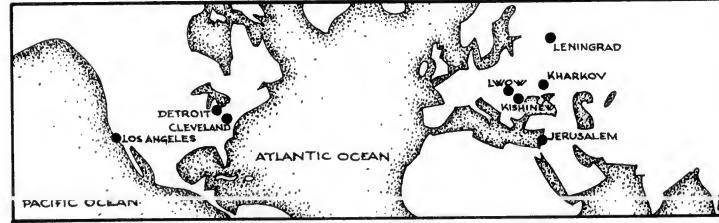
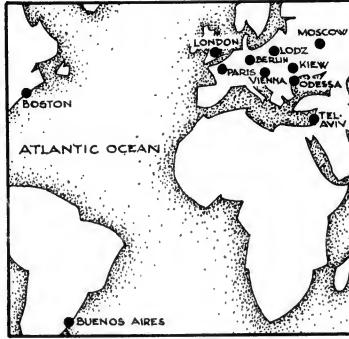
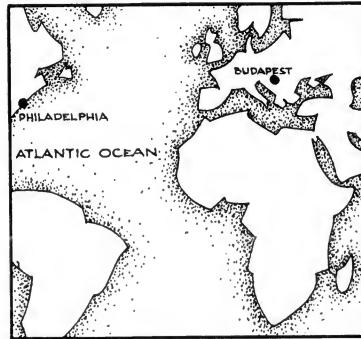
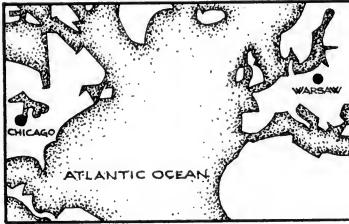
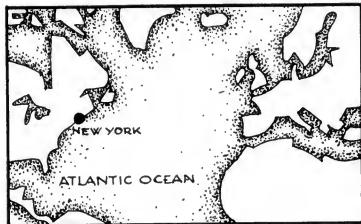
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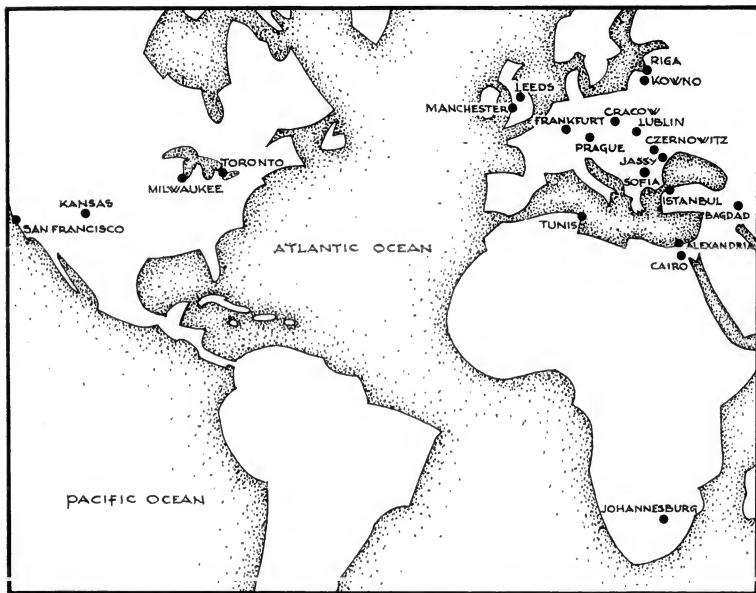
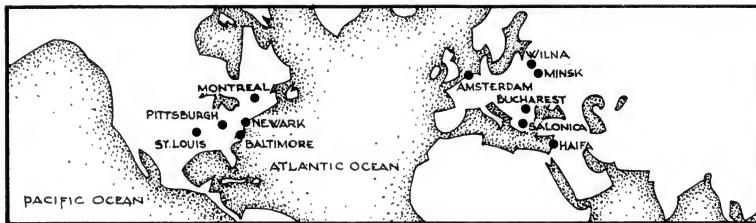


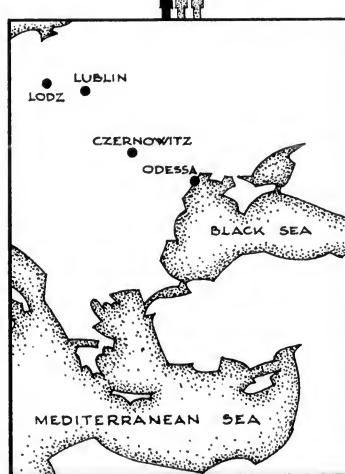
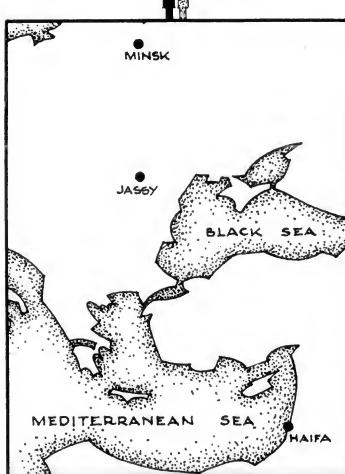


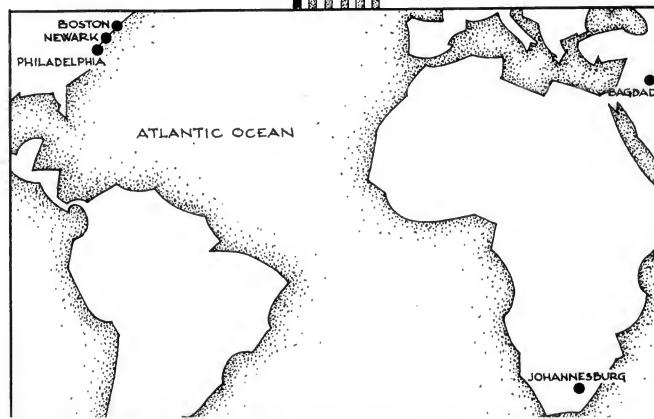
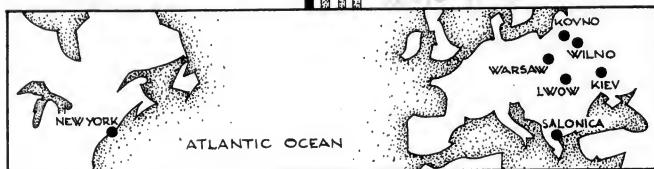


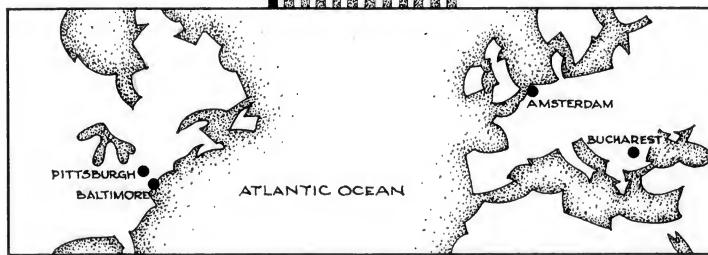
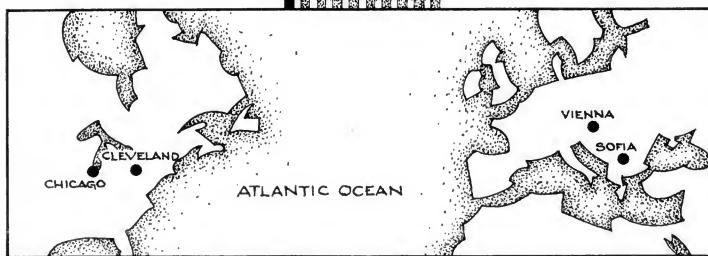
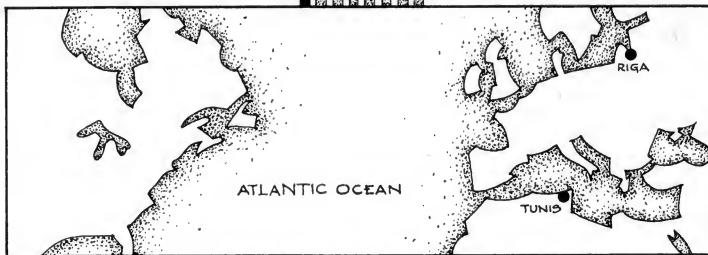


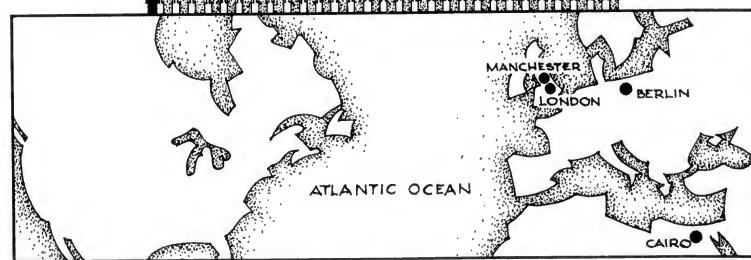
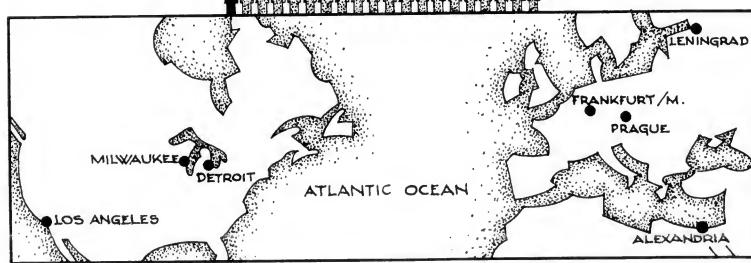
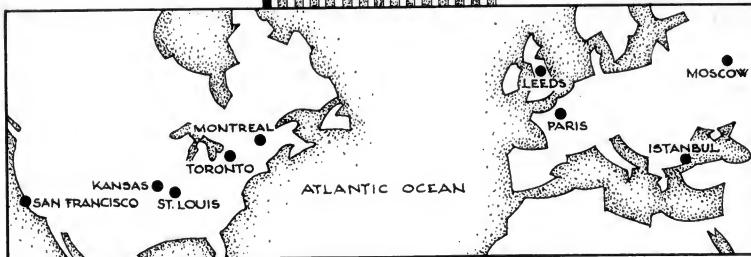




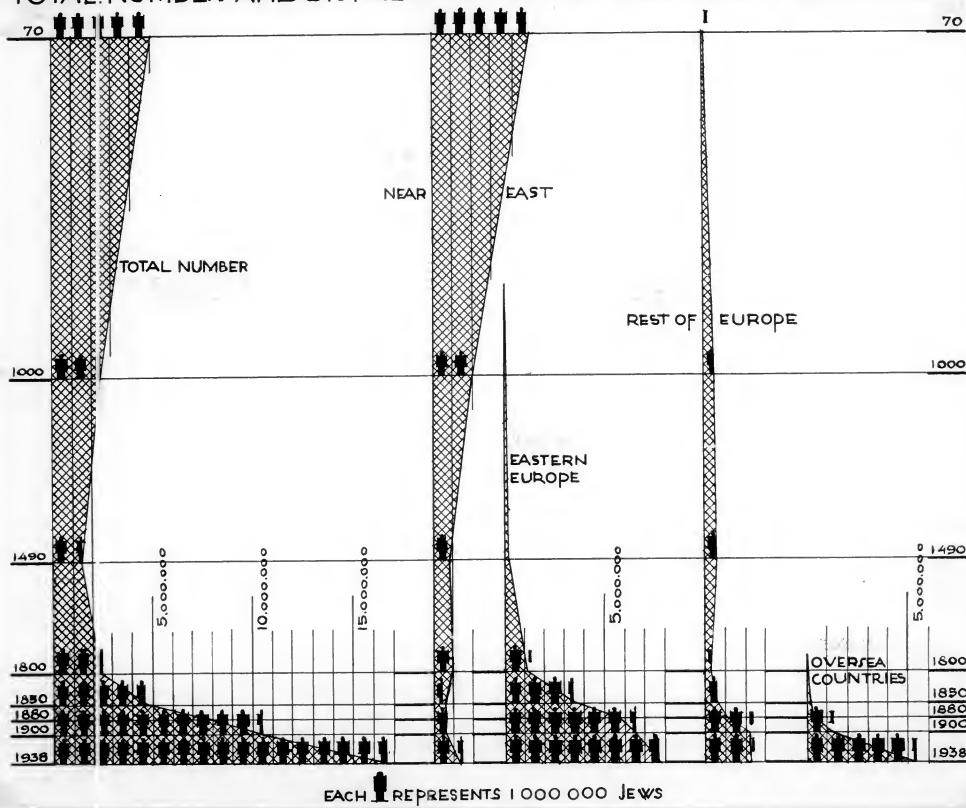




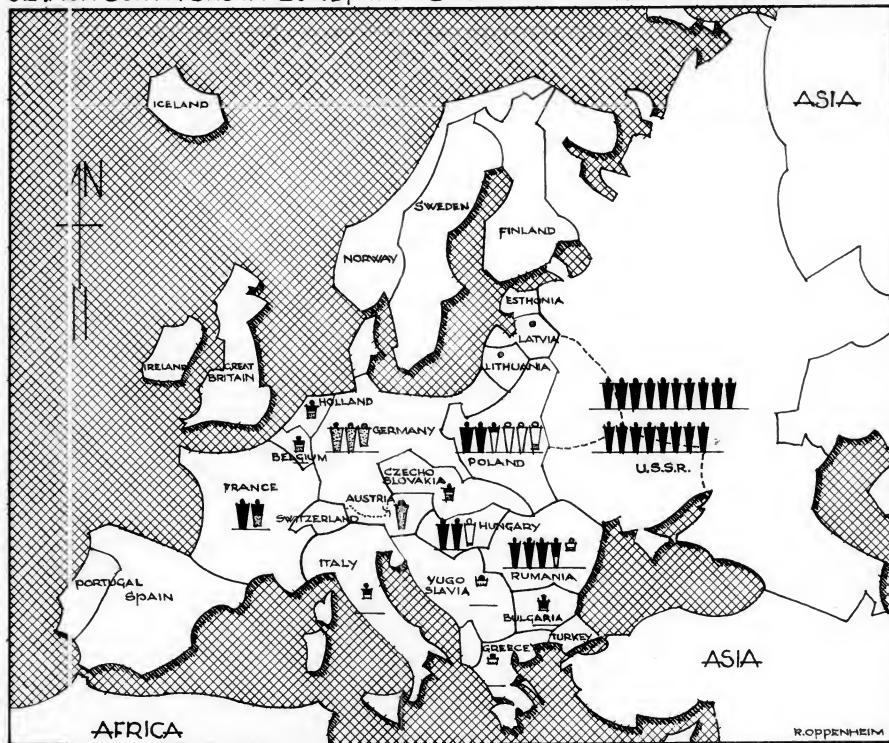




TOTAL NUMBER AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE JEWS FROM 70 AD. - 1938 AD.

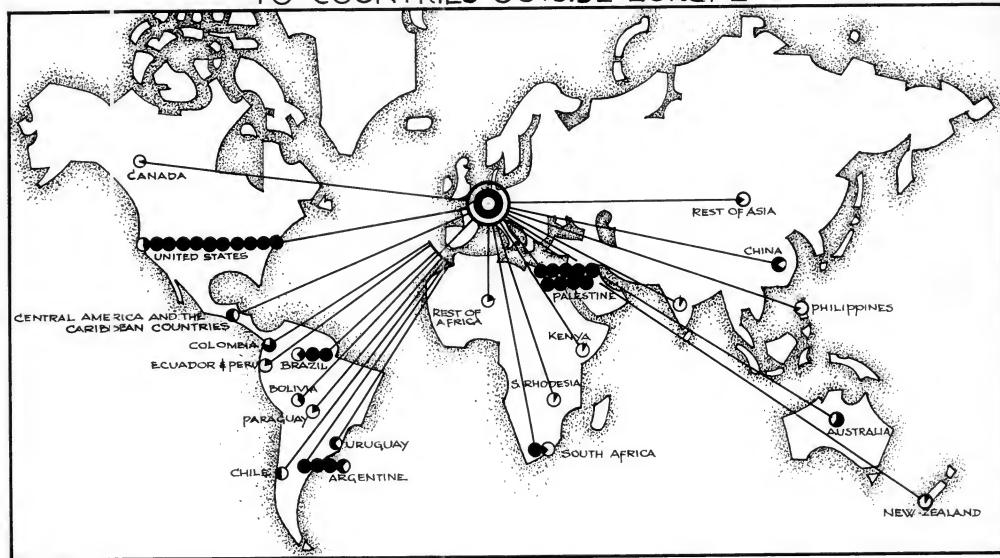


JEWISH SURVIVORS IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES UNDER AXIS DOMINATION.



EACH BLACK SYMBOL REPRESENTS 100,000 JEWS IN THEIR HOME COUNTRY,  
EACH DOTTED SYMBOL 100,000 EMIGRANTS, EACH WHITE SYMBOL 100,000 DISPLACED JEWS.

# JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM GERMANY AND AUSTRIA 1933—1938 TO COUNTRIES OUTSIDE EUROPE



If one looks at the scattered Jewish people in the Diaspora two basic trends suggest themselves which appear to be shaping the national physiognomy of Jewish life in various parts of the world. On the one hand, a socio-economic entrenchment and a psychological-cultural involvement with the surrounding majority populations—regarding their customs and festivals, their cultures and languages—such as has never been witnessed before in the long Jewish Diaspora history. On the other hand, there are small, and as yet rather weak, but sufficiently promising groups of elements which are deeply aware of the dangerous disintegration and fall-away of the larger part of the nation. Supported on a large scale by the rapid achievements of Israel and the deeply rooted religio-national traditions, they are trying to fight the threat of assimilation. They are establishing national and religious centres for the national heritage and the new national possessions. And they are becoming more and more influenced by, and permeated with, the national trends of the flourishing settlement in Israel.

It is certainly not an exaggeration to state that the newly won Jewish national life we are experiencing has been made possible by the fact that the vast majority of the Jewish people has lived for long periods in isolated East European countries with minimal assimilative influences. The Jewish majority, with its own rich cultural heritage and with an aptitude for higher cultural development, always adopted the modern cultural tendencies of nineteenth-century Europe more quickly than the majority populations around them, and developed these new cultural trends and political tendencies in its own national languages and cultural forms.

#### Present demands

One of the most urgent tasks in rebuilding our national life is to create those factors which would counteract the more highly characterised influences of foreign environments in the shortest possible time, and to propagate intensively the influencing factors which have already developed in our spiritual centre—the national cultural centre (Israel). In order to satisfy our present demands, the influences of our cultural centre are rising intensively, a trend that is due to the remaining national heritages formed in the Diaspora lands of Europe and continue in these communities thanks to the migrations of the Jewish Diaspora intelligentsia. Both the national future of Diaspora Jewry and the national content of Israeli culture depend on the harmonious blending of the Diaspora past and the Israeli present.

Many important beginnings have already been made in the Diaspora in this direction. In most of the larger communities there are Jewish day schools where, in addition to general studies, Hebrew is taught in accordance with the methods and the spirit of Israel. The number of yeshiva-type schools has grown more speedily with studies carried on either in Hebrew or in Yiddish, and with Jewish subjects occupying the place of prominence. The number of students in the yeshiva-type schools throughout the world has grown from approximately 5,000 in 1935 to between 70,000 and 80,000 in 1960. The number of pupils in the various day schools has doubled in recent years. Higher academic institutes, such as the Yeshiva University of New York, have also appreciably increased in number. Jewish national litera-

TABLE I  
DISTRIBUTION OF JEWRY BY SIZE OF COMMUNITIES (1962)

A. Communities with over one million Jews:			
Country:	Continental Area:	Number:	% of Jewry:
1. United States	North America	5,300,000	40.63
2. Soviet Union	Europe	2,700,000	20.70
3. Israel	Asia	2,000,000	15.33
The total in communities with over one million Jews:		10,000,000	76.66
B. Communities with over one hundred thousand Jews:			
4. England	Europe	450,000	3.45
5. Argentina	South America	400,000	3.35
6. France	Europe	400,000	3.07
7. Canada	North America	265,000	2.03
8. Brazil	South America	160,000	1.23
9. Rumania	Europe	150,000	1.15
10. Morocco	Africa	140,000	1.07
11. South Africa	Africa	120,000	0.92
The total in communities with over one hundred thousand Jews:		2,135,000	16.37
C. Communities with over fifty thousand Jews:			
12. Hungary	Europe	80,000	0.61
13. Persia (Iran)	Asia	80,000	0.61
14. Tunisia	Africa	70,000	0.54
15. Algeria	Africa	65,000	0.50
16. Australia	Australasia	55,000	0.42
The total in communities with over fifty thousand Jews:		430,000	3.29
D. Communities with twenty thousand and over Jews:			
17. Uruguay	South America	40,000	
18. Poland	Europe	35,000	
19. Italy	Europe	35,000	
20. Chile	South America	35,000	
21. Germany	Europe	35,000	
22. Mexico	Central America	30,000	
23. Holland	Europe	22,000	
24. Switzerland	Europe	20,000	
25. India	Asia	20,000	
26. Ethiopia	Africa	20,000	
The total in communities with twenty thousand and over Jews:		325,000	2.45
GRAND TOTAL		12,885,000	98.77
E. Communities with ten thousand and over Jews:			
29. Sweden	Europe	13,000	
30. Austria	Europe	11,000	
31. Colombia	South America	11,000	
32. Tangier	Africa	10,000	
The total in communities with ten thousand and over Jews:		45,000	0.34
F. Communities with five thousand and over Jews:			
33. Venezuela	South America	8,000	
34. Lebanon	Asia	8,000	
35. Bulgaria	Europe	6,500	
36. Yugoslavia	Europe	6,000	
37. Denmark	Europe	6,000	
38. Iran	Asia	6,000	
39. Greece	Europe	5,500	
40. Syria	Asia	5,000	
41. Ireland	Europe	5,000	
42. Egypt	Africa	5,000	
43. New Zealand	Australasia	5,000	
44. Cuba	Central America	5,000	
The total in communities with five thousand and over Jews:		72,500	0.56

ture in other languages, especially in English but also to some extent in French and in Spanish, is on the increase, and the content of all the publications is clearly in keeping with the Israeli spirit.

The influence of Israel keeps on increasing, although it is true that this development is very slow. The national future of Diaspora Jewry depends on the active influence of Israel. It must be added, however, that the future of Israel very much depends on the national future of Diaspora Jewry, which accounts for 85 per cent of the Jewish people. One naturally has in mind a future which should not shame the past of old Israel.

From a perusal of Table I it is surprising to see the number of countries over which the Jewish nation is scattered—over 90 countries! Moreover, the Tables do not include about twenty countries, each of which has only a bare hundred Jews. It is true that many nations have some of their members in various parts of the world, but there is this sub-

stantial difference. With the other nations the small groups have ceased to be regarded as part of the nation, and the second generation has broken away from its native origin. In our case, however, there are small groups of Jews who have been cut off for hundreds of years from Jewish centres and are yet loyal to our nation and with the first opportunity they try to attach themselves to their national brethren.

But even the Jewish people has never been torn, divided and dispersed to the extent to which it is in our own days. On the other hand, it is true that we now possess a national centre—Israel—and the severed parts of Jewry, however distant and cut off, have a root in that centre. They can turn to Israel in difficult times and be proud of the State's achievements.

Table II shows how Jews have been transplanting themselves from one continent to another. Admittedly a national disaster has had its effect here. Nevertheless, however great the resultant loss, it could not by itself have changed

#### G. Communities with one thousand and over Jews:

Country:	Continental Area:	Number:	% of Jewry:
45. Afghanistan	Asia	4,000	
46. Bolivia	South America	3,500	
48. Spain	Europe	3,000	
49. Congo	Africa	2,500	
50. Finland	Europe	1,900	
51. Cambodia	Asia	1,500	
52. Korea	Asia	1,500	
53. Viet-Nam	Asia	1,500	
54. Panama	Central America	1,500	
55. Laos	Asia	1,500	
56. Ecuador	South America	1,500	
57. Jamaica	Central America	1,400	
58. Luxembourg	Europe	1,300	
59. Paraguay	South America	1,000	
60. Guatemala	Central America	1,000	
61. Norway	Europe	1,000	

Total for communities with one thousand and over Jews:

33,500 0.25

GRAND TOTAL

13,036,000 99.92

#### H. Communities with one hundred and over one hundred Jews:

62. Singapore	Asia	800	
63. Japan	Asia	800	
64. Aden	Asia	700	
65. Portugal	Europe	500	
66. Gibraltar	Europe	500	
67. Switzerland	Europe	500	
68. Indonesia	Asia	500	
69. Dominican Republic	Central America	400	
70. The Philippines	Asia	400	
71. Trinidad	Central America	400	
72. Pakistan	Asia	400	
73. Sudan	Africa	350	
74. Albania	Europe	300	
75. Saudi Arabia	Central America	250	
76. Nicaragua	Central America	250	
77. Burma	Asia	200	
78. China	Asia	200	
79. Hong-Kong	Asia	200	
80. Haiti	Central America	200	
81. Cyprus	Central America	150	
82. Honduras	Central America	150	
83. British Guiana	South America	150	
84. Aruba (Dutch Colony)	Central America	150	
85. Uganda	Africa	100	
86. Lichtenstein	Europe	100	
87. Martinique	Central America	100	
88. Barbados	Central America	100	
89. Malta	Europe	100	
90. Thailand	Asia	100	
91. Penang	Asia	100	

Total for communities with one hundred or over one hundred Jews:

9,300 0.08

GRAND TOTAL OF WORLD JEWRY:

13,045,300 100.00

(These figures are based on estimates at the beginning of the year.)

so radically the physiognomy even of the Jewish nation, historically so experienced in transplanting itself from one corner of the world to another. Let us consider the positive aspects of the changes. About 120 years ago there were barely some five thousand Jews in America, while in 1962 there were over six million. In relative figures this signifies a jump from just one per cent of the nation to nearly half the nation.

The over-all outcome is clear. We have been a European nation with more than 87 per cent of the entire nation in Europe in 1840, while in 1962 nearly half the nation is in the American continent. If we exclude from the 1962 figures the Jews in Russia, who, having little freedom, cannot at present be taken into consideration in an assessment of the long-term aims of our nation, we are left with over ten per cent of the nation in the free world.

It is clear enough that the Jews of Asia—over two million—occupy the top place in Jewish national life at present. Generally, however, we can come to the conclusion, with a clear conscience, that in effect the Israeli nation is European—certainly two-thirds of it. This includes not only those who have actually come from Europe as immigrants but also their children, who are in effect European both in culture and psychological make-up, it is true. This includes not only those who have actually come from Europe as immigrants but also their children, who are in effect European both in culture and psychological make-up, it is true.

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of European parentage, The thousand-year-old European history of the Jewish nation especially that related to Eastern Europe, created those cultural forces which were necessary for the national awakening.

Let us analyse Table I more widely. The Table shows the number of Jews in various countries. This provides important information, because the density of the Jewish group is the basic prerequisite for a national-social life, particularly for a creative life.

The first group—three countries each with over one million Jews—contains ten million Jews, that is, 76 per cent of the nation. If we take only the active part of the nation, that is if we exclude the communities under Communist régimes, we find that there are at present only about ten million Jews in the whole free world. And if we take only Jewry in the Diaspora we find that in the countries of the Diaspora where the Jewish population is free to develop its creative forces there are only about eight million Jews—and of these, five and a quarter million are in the United States, the latter group constituting about two-thirds of Jewry in the free world.

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# PASSING OF THE SECOND GOLDEN AGE

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**M**ID-CENTURY marked the onset of an ebb in the fortunes of Jewish communities in the Moslem world, which gives every indication of continuing throughout the 'sixties. With the end of the second "golden age" enjoyed by Jews in Moslem countries during the short-lived period of Western control of influence, has come a decline in their status, wealth and numbers, which seems most likely to go on until the great majority of Jews emigrate.

Their second golden age began

almost within living memory, as one Islamic centre after another fell under European domination: French settlement in Algeria followed at intervals of several decades by the occupation first of Tunisia and then of Morocco; British occupation of Egypt; and the growth of Western economic influence in the Ottoman Empire, followed by actual occupation of Syria, Lebanon and Iraq after the First World War; the annexation of large regions in Central Asia by the Tsars; and the conversion of

Persia into a semi-colony of the West and Russia all took place in less than a century.

The Jews in these countries, who shared the squalor and stagnation of their Moslem neighbours together with added vexations imposed by despotism and fanaticism, were quick to seize the opportunities offered by even the most superficial Westernisation. The flurry of development which resulted when the West moved in was similar in many respects to the changes experienced by East-European

Jewry after its emigration westwards to Britain and the U.S.A. Though a few wealthy and cultured Jewish dynasties had always been found in centres like Istanbul, Smyrna, Aleppo and Baghdad, the vast majority of middle- and upper-middle class Jewish families one met in the Moslem centres, however patrician their style, owed their prosperity and education to the new golden age.

It is generally true to say that the levels of culture, health, wealth, status and well-being of oriental Jewish communities varied directly with the duration and intensity of Western influence.

The Algerian Jews, who had enjoyed effective French rule since the 'fifties, and the automatic grant of citizenship since the 'seventies, were on the whole more prosperous and cultivated than the Tunisian, who had passed under French protectorate in the 'eighties, and only later were enabled to acquire French citizenship as individuals.

#### Poverty and fatalism

The Tunisian community, in turn, was much better off than the Moroccan and Libyan, both of which experienced effective European rule only after the end of the First World War. There, only a minority of Jews had successfully negotiated the transition from oriental poverty and fatalism to the Western way of life. In Egypt, the number of well-to-do and educated Jews, and those who were capable of earning a decent living and bringing up their families without resort to charity, came to outnumber those who still lived in the slums of the old Jewish quarter in squalor, disease, and, frequently, demoralisation.

In countries which were still medieval, the Jews set up their own welfare States, with schools, hospitals and social assistance, sometimes rudimentary, but none the less effective.

With the onset of the Nationalist Revolution, the Jewish golden age came to an end in country after country. The dissolution of the Ottoman Empire, which marked the beginning of the golden age in Iraq, marked the beginning of the end for Jewish communities in Turkey itself. The contraction of trade, economic nationalism, and the many other effects, intended or unintended of Kemalism, brought about a stream of emigration which has continued with greater or lesser intensity till today, when a bare forty thousand Jews remain in Turkey.

In Turkey there is no sponsored policy to persecute Jews, but there is serious political uncertainty—no one can be sure who will get the upper hand—and economic difficulties. The community has met with considerable bureaucratic and legislative interference in its day-to-day activities.

Secularist enlightenment has shallow roots in Turkey outside of the urban intellectuals and middle classes. Another Menderes-type Government making concessions to reactionary Moslem fanaticism is unlikely but not impossible, if the heirs of Kemalism cannot agree among

themselves; the prospect is a very unpleasant one for Jews. If it were not for stringent currency controls, a good many more Turkish Jews would have left already.

The grant of formal independence to Egypt and Iraq during the 'thirties saw the beginnings of Egyptianisation and Iraqiisation of their economies (directed against all non-Moslems, even those holding local citizenship) but their effects were masked by the Second World War which brought unprecedented prosperity to the middle classes and froze political change. The progressive evacuation of British and French Armies, the Palestine War, and the establishment of Left-wing Nationalist régimes, brought about successive waves of persecution, expropriation and emigration. Jews suffered both from the hostility directed against them *qua* Jews and by virtue of being capitalists, middle classes, non-Moslems, non-Arabs or close associates of Western economic interests.

The turn of North African Jewry came a little later. Most of those Libyan Jews who did not utilise their opportunity to leave with their property before Independence was granted at the end of 1951 came to regret it. The exodus from former French North African territories still continues. At the time of writing only a few thousand Jews seem likely to remain in Algeria, and some twenty-five thousand in Tunisia, from which substantial emigration still continues. Half of Moroccan Jewry emigrated during the 'fifties, and more would have done so, had they been so permitted.

If the doors remain open, it seems likely that the majority of North African Jews still remaining will leave before the decade is out.

#### Tunisian exodus

The exodus from Tunisia is the most saddening of all in many ways. President Bourghiba has been quite sincere in his desire to integrate Tunisian Jews into an independent Tunisia as equal citizens, but Jews rarely enjoy this equality in practice, either in competing for public-sector jobs or in obtaining the many licences and permits needed to carry on business. Jewish emigration naturally tends to make the Tunisians look askance on remaining Jews—as birds of passage. The resulting crisis of confidence increased the Jews' sense of insecurity. The rupture of Franco-Tunisian relations which followed the Bizerza crisis impinged adversely on Jews who held French citizenship.

In nearly every case the Jews suffered as a community as well as individually from the onset of Independence. Schools and hospitals were nationalised, funds sequestered, virtually all communal activities except prayer and burial, were rendered increasingly difficult, if not impossible. In some cases, motives for interference with communal activity were well meaning in origin though unrealistic and sought to integrate the Jews into national life; in other

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